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Hello All:

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS E MAIL TO PLAN STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR NPI IMPLEMENTATION. PLEASE RESPOND TO LORI PETER WITH ANY RESPONSES TO THIS E MAIL.**

As you are aware, on January 23, 2004, the final rule for the National Provider Identifier (NPI) was published. As a result, this year CMS started assigning NPI numbers to providers. All payors must require the NPI to be used as the healthcare provider identifier in all healthcare claims submissions beginning May 23, 2007.

AHCCCS must ensure that our Contractors are ready for the implementation of the NPI, and Plans must educate providers on this federal requirement.

The Division of Health Care Management will be in close contact with Contractor representatives throughout the preparation and implementation of the NPI. Some of the activities planned are:

- The NPI will be the topic of discussion at the **monthly Consortium meetings and at the October 20th CEO meeting.**
- The Data Analysis and Research Unit will require updates two time a month on your Plan's progress with implementation.
- DHCM will conduct individual meetings with each Contractor to go over issues unique to each Contractor

To support these efforts, we need to know what outreach activities each Contractor has and is conducting with their providers regarding NPI. Additionally, we need to know what data you have available on those providers who have already received their NPI, and the total number of NPI's you project that you have to obtain. This information will be discussed at the next Consortium meeting, and a request for this information will be forwarded as follow-up to each Contractor.

**Thank you for your attention to this important requirement. If you have questions regarding this communication, you may direct them to Lori Petre, Data Analysis and Research Manager. Lori can be reached at 602-417-4421 or by e-mail at [Lori.Petre@azahcccs.gov](mailto:Lori.Petre@azahcccs.gov).**

Thanks  
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